



Champaign, Illinois, Manufactured Gas Plant Site Progress Report – April 2008

All of us at the Ameren Illinois Utilities are committed to keeping you fully informed with regard to the ongoing work at the site of the former manufactured gas plant at 5th and Hill streets in Champaign.

New Signs: Though the site does not pose any immediate health threat, we do not want people trespassing. Therefore, we have placed new “No Trespassing” signs around the perimeter of the property. In addition, all necessary repairs to the fence have been completed. If you see a trespasser or notice any damage to the fence or signs, we ask that you report it by calling us at **1-800-755-5000**.

Many have asked us about our plans for the building located on the site. We will demolish this building and remove the debris this year.



Off-Site Investigation: No doubt, you have noticed activity taking place around the site in recent weeks. As we previously reported, we are conducting an off-site investigation. What this means is we are testing areas around the site to determine the outer limits of contamination. We are doing this in two ways. The first way is to bore deep into the soil and collect samples. The second method is to drill test wells that are used to collect groundwater samples.

Once we have defined the limits of the contamination, we will be able to update our Site Investigation Report. The updated report will be presented to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for their review and comment. This report will discuss the findings of our investigation.

We are pleased to report that we have completed the sampling of a basement sump at a home in the vicinity of the site. This was performed at the request of the owner. No contaminants were found in the sump.



Open House: At this time, we plan on hosting an Open House to discuss the results of our off-set investigation, answer your questions and discuss future work plans, including completion of this site's cleanup to meet Illinois EPA standards. We expect the Open House will be held after the Illinois EPA has approved our updated Site Investigation Report, probably in mid-June.

Looking Ahead: Once the Illinois EPA accepts our Remedial Action Report, we will prepare a detailed Remedial Action Plan. The completed plan then will be submitted to the Illinois EPA for their review. The purpose of this plan is to set forth all of the actions we will take to complete the clean up of this site.

We may find that it will be necessary to excavate the site to remove contaminated soil. If extensive excavations are necessary, we would perform the work within a temporary tent-like structure. This structure is designed to contain all odors and dust during the excavation work. The area would then be filled with clean soil. We may even find it necessary to place a protective cover – such as asphalt – over the site. These and other options will be considered.

You can be assured that the Remedial Action Plan that receives final Illinois EPA approval will make certain this site is safe for future uses and addresses all environmental issues.

Contacts: If you have questions about this project, you may call Mr. Leigh Morris at 1-217-535-5228 or by e-mail at lmorris@ameren.com. His mailing address is 200 W. Washington Street, Springfield IL 62701.

Should you want to discuss the Illinois EPA's oversight role, contact Dr. Stan Black at 1-217-785-1427 or by e-mail at stan.black@illinois.gov. His mailing address is Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA, PO Box 19276, Springfield IL 62794-9726.

In addition, we have placed a collection of documents associated with the project in a Site Information Repository located at the Douglass Branch of the Champaign Public Library at 504 E. Grove Street, Champaign. The telephone number of the library is 1-217-403-2090. Library hours are Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The site information also is available at the Champaign City Building, located at 102 N. Neil Street, is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, unless otherwise posted. The report and fact sheets may be reviewed at the Information Desk located in the Atrium Lobby. If you have questions or if no one is at the desk at the time you visit, you may inquire at the Neighborhood Service Department in the same building or call 1-217-403-7070.